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Mr Tom Wilson
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Dear Tom:

I am writing both you and Dr. Martin at this time, as I think this is a matter you both should rule on. The player involved is one of those who is to be returned to the western league. His name is Bradford. He has been playing with The Yankees, and last Sunday here in Newark, he beat an umpire up so badly the umpire had to have two stitches taken in his face. The umpire involved is Henry Moore of Patterson.

The umpire had called him out on strikes, and his claim was he did not swing all the way around. Regardless of the decision, he was so wrong, there is no question about it. He knocked him down, and jumped on him while he was laying helpless on the ground, and continued to pound him until he was pulled off by other players. It could have easily started a riot. The fans were furious, mainly because Moore is not a young man.

I took the \$25.00 out of The Yankees money, but this is really not enough punishment for a thing of this kind. He should be made an example of, so no one else will try it. If he gets away with a little fine like this, hereafter players will feel they can do the same thing. Please let me hear from you about it. The story was carried in the white papers, and they called and asked me what punishment was going to be placed on the player. I told them I was writing the Presidents of both leagues to have it decided.

Pompez wrote me some time ago he was going to cancell some of the games we were scheduled together so he could go west. This was alright if he could do better somewhere else, but I did think he would play me in Patterson the 26th, as he is in New York the 27th. He wants to cancell this game also. I am writing him asking him to play it, as I have gotten the park, and started advertising. Please ask him to play it.

Very Truly Yours